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**Credit union poised to
celebrate 50 years of service**

Kenilworth, IL., March 18, 2008 -- Like many other credit unions around the world, New Trier Federal Credit Union grew from the needs of employees for a place where they could save together and borrow from their savings.

In 1958, teachers at New Trier Township High School in Winnetka established a credit union that they operated out of a broom closet in the school. Similarly, in 1969, teachers at Evanston Township High School began their own credit union, the Evanston Township Credit Union. In 1984, these two groups merged to form New Trier Federal Credit Union.

Since then, the credit union has grown and expanded as it has added other similar membership groups to its ranks throughout the north shore area. These include nearly 4,000 educational and governmental employees of nearly 60 local companies, villages, and school districts, as well as parishioners of local churches. Family members are also eligible to belong.

To celebrate its success, New Trier FCU will be holding its 50th annual meeting and dinner Wednesday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview Center (Lake Ave. & Lake Michigan in Gilson Park, Wilmette, Illinois).

"We selected March 19 as the date for the annual meeting because the credit union started up exactly 50 years to the day," said Ed Uhrlik, who has been CEO since 1987.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions formed by an organized group of people with a common bond. Members of credit unions pool their assets to provide loans and other financial services to each other.

As part of the credit union's 50th anniversary preparations, Uhrlik said a committee was formed to gather testimonials from the credit union's members, including the first 100 individuals who joined. One of the most amazing stories he told was about a teacher just starting out in their career that received a loan from New Trier FCU for \$15 to buy groceries.

"Our credit union started out just for savings and loans for the teachers," continued Uhrlik. "We have come a long way since then and our success has only been because of the support of our members who have wanted us to help them move up in their financial lives."

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Credit unions offer many similar products and services as other financial institutions. For New Trier FCU, these include: savings and share draft (checking) accounts, credit cards, auto, mortgage, home equity, and signature (up to \$15,000), and student loans; debit/ATM cards, auto and home insurance; free internet bill pay service; and interactive voice response system to call in to access account information, online banking via its Web site (www.ntfcu.org) direct deposit, payroll deduction, traveler's checks and much more.

As not-for-profit financial cooperatives, credit unions pay dividends to their members via generally lower loan rates, higher savings rates and fewer service fees. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) is the federal agency that charters and supervises federal credit unions. NCUA also insures savings in federal and most state-chartered credit unions across the country through the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), a federal fund backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.

"We've had the same name and same mission for 50 years. You don't hear about that kind of milestone too many times these days, especially in the financial services world. We hope as many of our members as possible will join us for this momentous occasion," concluded Uhrick.

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Note 1: The Illinois Credit Union League is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 455 credit unions in Illinois with more than 2.7 million members.

Note 2: New Trier Federal Credit Union is an affiliate of the Illinois Credit Union League with nearly 4,000 members and \$19.7 million in assets. The credit union is open to employees and select family members of more than 50 organizations in the north shore area. For details on how to belong, the credit union may be contacted at 847.256.8411, via phone at member_services@ntfcu.org or via the Internet at www.ntfcu.org.